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AUGUST 1 REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE DANANG 0972

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

JULY 31--I CORPS HEADQUARTERS BRIEFING: SEVEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, CONSISTING OF ONE GROUND ATTACK, THREE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) AND THREE HARASSMENTS. GVN CASUALTIES: THREE KIA, CC EVE N WIA; PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: FOUR KIA.

AUGUST 1--SIX VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSVZTING OF FIVE ABFS AND ONE HARASSMENT. GVN CASUALTIES: THREE KIA, TWO MIA, 29 WIA. PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: THREE KIA. GVN ARTILLERY FIRED ALMOST ENTIRELY IN QUANG NGAI (199 ROUNDS SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS; NO ROUNDS NORTH).

2. RETURN OF FAMILIES TO HOMELAND IN PRG AREA:

A. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO POLOFF HUE FROM
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THE HUONG DIEN DISTRICT SUBSECTOR S-2, 12 FAMILIES CONSISTING OF

SOME 89 PERSONS SAILED FROM THE DIEN THAI REFUGEE CAMPS (VICINITY YD7834) TO THE PRG CONTROLLED AREA OF NORTHERN QUANG TRI. THE FAMILIES, WHO WERE NATIVES OF GIO HAI VILLAGE IN GIO LINH DISTRICT, QUANG TRI, USED TWO MOTORIZED SAMPANS IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 26.

B. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO DIRECTOR, RRO, TWO MORE BOATS BOUND FOR PRG TERRITORY WERE INTERCEPTED LEAVING DANANG BAY WITH ABOUT TWO FAMILIES AND RETURNED BY GVN PATROL VESSELS.

3. GVN DISPERSES CIVILIAN GROUP IN QUANG TRI:

RLO DANANG REPORTS THAT THE I CORPS G-3 TOC LOG FOR JULY 31 RELAYS AN INCIDENT IN QUANG TRI WHERE GVN TROOPS DISPERSED A GROUP OF SOME 200 CIVILIANS DESIRING TO ENTER THE AREA OF OPERATION OF THE 120 REGIONAL FORCES BATTALION (YD358585). THE LOG REPORTS THAT THE GROUP WAS INCITED BY COMMUNIST CADRES TO USE THE PRETEXT OF VISITING FAMILY GRAVES TO ENTER THE AREA.

4. THE ECONOMY IN HANOI:

POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT THE I CORPS FORWARD HEADQUARTERS' INTERROGATION OF AN NVA DEFECTOR REPORTED IN DANANG 958 HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE DEFECTOR REPORTED SOME ECONOMIC DETAILS OF LIFE IN HANOI THIS YEAR. REGARDING RATE OF INFLATION, THE FOLLOWING TABLE COMPARES SOME KEY FOOD PRICES AND INFLATION IN HANOI AS GIVEN BY THE DEFECTOR WITH THOSE IN DANANG FROM 1971 TO 1973 (PRICES ARE IN 1973 SVN PIASTERS WITH 1 NVN PIASTER EQUAL TO 100 SVN PIASTERS):

	1971	1973	PERCENT INCREASE
HANOI: DOMESTIC RICE/100KG	12000	16000	33 PERCENT
PORK/KG	600	900	50 PERCENT
CHICKEN/KG	400	700	75 PERCENT
DANANG: DELTA RICE/100KG	4900	10000	50 PERCENT
PORK/KG	771	1100	43 PERCENT
CHICKEN/KG	400	700	75 PERCENT

THE DEFECTOR NOTED THAT NVA TROOPS AND CIVIL SERVANTS BOUGHT IMPORTED RICE, MOSTLY FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AT A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PRICE OF 47 NVN PIASTERS PER HUNDRED KILOS. A BLACK MARKET IN SUCH SCARCE COMMODITIES AS BATTERIES AND TOOTH-
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PASTE EXISTED AND GASOLINE HAD BEEN STRICTLY RATIONED IN 1972.
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